

Our Lady of Peace Parish

"Three Churches One Faith Community"

Bulletin

Sunday, February 27th, 2022 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Churches & Mass Times



St. Anthony's Church

603 Union St.

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Saturdays at 4:00 pm



St. Patrick's Church

31 Main St.

Stanley, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 1:30 pm



St. Theresa's Church

45 Royal Road

Fredericton, NB

Mass Time Sundays at 11:00 am

Upcoming Events

Parish Nursing Ministry Quilt Raffle



March 2nd Intentions

St. Anthony's Church 12:00 pm **Catherine McGrath
And Glen**

St. Patrick's Church 5:00 pm **Andrew Brewer**

St. Theresa's Church 7:00 pm **Ann Rowen Boyle**

Parish Meeting March 3rd at St. Theresa's

Everyone welcome to discuss upcoming
Church Repairs.

Mass Times & Intentions

Tuesday, March 1st 12:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

Margaret Dealy

Wednesday March 2nd See Schedule under Events

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 3rd 12:00 pm - St. Theresa's

Patricia Gyuk

Friday March 4th 10:00 am - St. Anthony's Church

Deceased Members of the LeBlanc Family

Saturday, March 5th, 4:00 pm - St. Anthony's Church

Mass for the People

Sunday March 6th 1:30 pm - St. Patrick's Church

Patrick & Mary Gallagher

Sunday, March 6th 11:00 am - St. Theresa's Church

William David Hay

Reconciliation, Marriages & Baptism please call pastoral office.

Our Lady of Peace Financial Update

Weekly Offertory Feb 13th, 2022

Sunday Contributions:	\$2,473.00
Auto Debit (average):	\$1,978.00
Total:	\$4451.00
Weekly Budget Needs:	\$5,000.00
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (549.00)
Capital Infrastructure:	\$ 375.00
Special Collections:	\$ 90.00
Other:	\$ 98.00

Year-to-Date

Offertory:	\$ 33,804.00
Budget Needs:	\$ 40,000.00
Excess (Shortfall):	(\$ 6,196.00)
Information inquires should be directed to:	
Frank O'Donnell 472-0145 (mbfod@nbnet.nb.ca) or Greg Feener 472-9364 (glf@nbnet.nb.ca)	

*Our Lady of Peace is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners through
time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, THANK YOU!*

Website & Social Media

www.ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca

Keep up to date on all activities,
news and weather cancelations!



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Fr. Maria's Office Number 444-6070

Wondering what is happening in the parish? Check out the parish monthly activity calendar available at each of our parish churches and online.



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Parish Announcements

COVID Protocol Update Return to Level 1

As we return to Level 1 of the Province of New Brunswick Winter COVID Plan we encourage parishioners to continue to monitor their health before attending Mass and choose to attend/not attend accordingly. Your cooperation and understanding as we navigate COVID in our community is very much appreciated. The following protocols are in effect at all three of our parish churches:

- Masks are required at all times in church buildings.
- Each of our churches will operate at 50% or less capacity.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing between different households. If there is any doubt when choosing your seat that there will be two metres between you and someone not in your household, please choose another seat.
- Record names of all attendees and contact information by row or have a consistent assigned seating plan for contact tracing.
- Parishioners will be screened at the door for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Singing is allowed, but masks must remain on.

Please note that you will not be asked to show proof of vaccination to attend Mass. Other activities using parish facilities, including Parish Nursing activities, meetings, presentations, workshops and Religious Formation for children, youth and adults will require proof of vaccination or provincially approved proof of exemption to attend for people over 12 years of age.

You are invited to

A presentation that will be made by Frank O'Donnell on Thursday, **March 3rd at 7:00pm** concerning anticipated repairs at St. Theresa's Church.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform parishioners of some expenditures that will be needed over the next three years and to seek input on how best to proceed, given the financial realities we face as a parish.

Greg Feener, Financial Council chair, will be present to address various financial aspects if needed.

The meeting will take place in St. Theresa's Church. COVID protocols will be followed i.e. masks, proof of vaccination and names of attendees will be recorded.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – CVITP

Do you look forward each year to preparing and filing your annual income tax return? Many Do Not!

Our Lady of Peace Parish, in collaboration with the Canada Revenue Agency, is pleased to announce that a tax preparation clinic will be provided (**Free of Charge**) to prepare tax returns for individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation. Due to **COVID** concerns, all sessions will be performed **non-contact means**.

The tax preparation service will commence **March, 2022**. Steve Linton, a parishioner at St. Anthony's Church and volunteer for CVITP, will be available by **appointment** to prepare your income tax and benefit returns.

The service **does not** include tax returns for **complex situations** such as: returns for deceased persons; individuals who file for bankruptcy; self-employed individuals; individuals who report capital gains or losses; or individuals who report employment expenses, or business rental income or expenses. Should yourself or others you know be interested in this community service please contact **Steve Linton** for further information at 506-261-7600 or lintons21@outlook.com.

World Day of Prayer March 4th 2022

The world Day of Prayer Service Video, prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada can be seen online at **wicc.org** or <https://vimeocom/651818056>

In Fredericton TV Broadcast March 4th

9:00 am, 5:00 pm and 10:05 pm

On Bell Fiber TV channel 26 and Bell Satellite Channel 539

Contact Debbie Heustis 472-2916 or Rose Smith 459-0073

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church *
Thursdays 11:30 at St. Theresa's Church *
Fridays 9:30 am at St. Anthony's Church *

** if there is no weekday Mass on Thursday or Friday, Adoration is also cancelled.*

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ... + Terry Bowlen +*

Parish Income Tax Receipts

Tax Receipts are available at each church. After March 1st receipts will be available at the Parish Office.

Pastoral Council Notes

Book Study

In response to controversial aspects of the book *"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time"* a decision has been made to study and discuss Pope Francis' *"APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION EVANGELII GAUDIUM, the Joy of the Gospel"* We will begin the 6-week study Wednesday March 9th at 8:00pm via Zoom. This encyclical is available to download free on-line at <https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>.

To join the study group or for more information email olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com or call the parish office.

Special Collection

Help us show our parish support of Indigenous communities in our Diocese by donating to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This special collection takes place this weekend February 26th & 27th.

Remember

You can reach out to Pastoral Council at any time by e-mailing olppastoralcouncilfredericton@gmail.com

Special Collection, Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

On the last weekend of February, the diocese will be taking up a special collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Monies collected will contribute towards the CCCB's five-year \$30-million National Campaign to support regional and local Indigenous healing and reconciliation initiatives. Special Collection Envelopes have been sent to parishes to be used at Masses for the weekend of **February 26-27**.

You may also contribute to this fundraising appeal at anytime on our website via cheque or email money transfer. (<https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/donations>).

Please consult our website for Bishop Riesbeck's most recent letter and additional resources. <https://dioceseofsaintjohn.org/indigenous-relations>.



Lenten Reflection Books are available at each church. *"Come to the Light"* and *"Growing in Grace"* are perfect to accompany adults on their Lenten journey and *"Abundant Mercy"* provides family devotions and activities that will open hearts to receive God's overflowing kindness and forgiveness. Due to shipping delays and limited supplies we did not receive all our ordered books. **To ensure everyone can have a book, please choose only one of the adult books to take home. If we receive more books, we will put them out.**

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service ~ Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's Church.

Lenten Retreat with Sr. Karen ~ Save the date! Tuesday, April 5th. More details to follow.

Stations of the Cross ~ resources will be available at each church for individuals and families to pray the stations of the cross before or after weekday or weekend Mass times. Please feel free to use these booklets and return them when done.

Please watch the bulletin for more Parish Lent activities.

Ministry Schedule Week of March 5th & 6th

	St. Anthony's - Saturday 4:00 pm	St. Theresa's - Sunday at 11:00 am
Screeners/Ushers	Mary Feener Bonnie Bowlen & Vicky Knight	Michele McCann Mary Fitzpatrick, Martin Colford, Tracy Horsley, Marilyn Brennan, Darren Richard
Lector	Allison Wrynn	Gisele Weatherhead

Our Sacred Stories

Looking Ahead to Lent: Call and Conversion

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We begin the Lenten season once more. Lent is all about conversion. It can be about the conversion process embarked upon by a new adult member of the Christian community. Lent is the period leading up to the sacraments of initiation into the church through baptism, confirmation and eucharist, at the Easter Vigil. For these new members, lent is looked at as a time of more intense preparation through prayer, fasting and good works. This, in fact is the early Church origins of the Lenten season for all Christians.

For those of us who were baptized as infants or at another time, lent is important as well. For the whole Christian community, it is the opportunity to reflect on our place in the community and how we live in our world as Christians. The prayer, fasting and good works that we express in lent are to be a lifestyle that marks every day of our lives. The conversion experience that leads to the sacraments of initiation for our new members, is our continuing conversion experience. Being Christian is a life-time process. Lent helps us to revisit and renew who we are and how we express our Christian faith in action.

Luke 6:39-45 tells us a story of invitation. Jesus in the story describes the kind of change that we are called upon to make when we accept the invitation that comes with our baptism, to be disciples. Becoming disciples of Jesus demands a conversion or a turning around of our heart. It is a life-long process of becoming the face of Jesus alive in our world. Our call to mission might seem to focus on things outside ourselves, tasks and actions we carry out in our world. But it is founded on the interior, the heart – this is where conversion truly takes place.

Conversion, is really a call that reaches within. It is a turning around of our heart. There is an initial call from outside ourselves – setting out to discover the meaning of Jesus the Christ and the face of God that Jesus reveals. It is often through persons we have met, or communities that have welcomed us. With that sense of support and inclusion that we all need we gain the desire to be part of what we have experienced.

We may not use this term, but we begin a quest or search for what we have discovered. This search is not quick, nor is it just for a moment. We discover that life is full of this searching or questing. Sometimes there are moments of sensing discovery, others we seem to just grind along. Our journey is a faith journey and it is filled with seeking, questioning, wondering and searching, always with much uncertainty. Then somehow, we become more firmly convinced that this is our own. We discover we are disciples of Jesus the Christ and ready to live this in the ordinary routine of our lives, and there is peace in this. This is really only the planting of a seed, a new beginning.

Conversion needs to go always deeper. It is a continual process for a lifetime. It is in fact, a continual turning of our hearts. As Luke puts it: *Out of the good treasure of heart, the good person produces good* (Luke 6:45). God plants the seed through the many encounters beyond ourselves, but the seed grows from within us. Every year, this is the blessing and gift of Lent

What might I do this Lent, to nurture the seed God has planted in my heart?

John Jennings

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time